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1. The Czechoslovak Army's central storage area for toxic gases including Tabun is located in Zemianske Kostolany (049/T96). There is an important chemical warfare training area at Moravsky Karlov-Cervena Voda (P51/N49) in Moravia. Vehicle tires and automotive equipment are stored at Novy Jicin (P50/046). Many Panzerfaust and anti-tank mines are stored in the Jince (N50/L46) military area.*
2. Maneuvers involving training troops in gas attack were held in the Cervena Voda area during September and October 1951. Small groups, probably through company level, were seen engaged in offensive gas training including the projection of gas by means of field artillery and chemical warfare mortars. Ordinary gas masks of Czech and Wehrmacht design were used. No special filters or filter canisters are believed to have been used. Several Soviet instructors to lieutenant colonel in rank were present.
3. On 15 October 1951 Czechoslovakia began the mass production of non-metallic anti-tank and anti-personnel land mines with Bakelite covers.**
4. Underground gasoline storage tanks in the Vrsovice district of Prague include four tanks of 100,000 liters capacity each and eight tanks of 50,000 liters capacity each.
5. One model of the newly issued radio sets, type RF-11, has two units, each consisting of a box 18 cm high by 11 cm by 5 cm. The front unit is a transceiver; the rear unit is a battery power pack. Both are on a belt 5 cm wide. The radio has no visible antenna. The transceiver tuning knob is graduated from 1 to 30; each click permits a change of 0.25 megacycles. The radio has headphones and a hand microphone attached. It has a range of approximately 5 km, is crystal controlled and operates on frequency modulation. This model is probably intended for infantry units. Other models of the RF-11 class are reported to be built for communication between armored vehicles.

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6. The Czechoslovak Ministry of National Defense will order all civilian doctors to take a special six week military medical course stressing military aspects of various surgical, disease and sanitation problems.
7. In November 1951 the Karlin barracks in Prague received several hundred deliveries of mobile field kitchens and large deliveries of boots and field packs.
8. Czech army unit headquarters of unknown designation and strength are located in the following cities: one tank regiment at Podborany (N51/L09); one infantry regiment each at Cheb and Karlovy Vary; two infantry regiments at Tepla (N50/P66); two artillery regiments at Sokolov (N51/P58); one engineer battalion each at Karlovy Vary and Kadan (N51/K91).***
9. The Czechoslovak Army quartermaster has received orders to be prepared to assume control of all food stores and distribution units in the event of a war emergency. Plans have not yet been completed for the change-over.
10. A forced labor center has been begun in the Mimon area (051/F95). A special recruiting drive was held from 15 November to 15 December 1951 for groups to begin the construction and manning of the center. The Czech army has provided special recruiting commissions which, on the basis of Czech defense legislation, examine personnel for military service, but process them for labor at the camp. Labor terms are from two to three years. To date mostly small businessmen, small farmers and individuals physically or politically unfit for military service have been assigned to this camp for work on military and other government projects. The Mimon workers are isolated, and must send mail through camp censorship and receive mail through the Czech Army field post system.

* Comment: The Panzerfaust has been reported as the P-1 Prekop weapon, which is a small recoilless cannon, similar to the bazooka. It is believed that this weapon has an effect at a distance of 1,000 meters equal to that of an 80-mm gun. It is being produced at the Zbrojovka-Brno plant in Vsetin (P50/033). 50X1-HUM

** Comment: Such Bakelite land mines have been reported to be in production at the Jablunka Armament Works near Vsetin. 50X1-HUM

*** Comment: Such units are not held as permanently stationed at these cities, although other units are known to be stationed there. It is probable that these units are located in this area in connection with the summer maneuvers held in the Cisarsky Les area. 50X1-HUM

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